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CORAL BRACELETS.

BY AMY RANDOLPH.

It was "the coldest day of the season!"
"Put on more coal, Hawkins," said
Nina Petham, querulously, as she sat in
front of the blazing sea-coal grate, robed
in a blue cashmere morning-dress, lined
with quilted satin of the same color, and
her small feet comfortably enscenced in
blue velvet slippers, edged with snowy
swan's down.

Hawkins, a solemn and somewhat consequential-looking servant, in sober
black, obeyed his young mistress's rather petulant behest, but paused a moment
after he had heaped the blazing coal upon the red-hot bars of the grate.

"What kind of a person, Hawkins?"
questioned Nius, languidly lifting her
eyes from her work, with some slight
spearance of interest.

"Well, Miss," said Hawkins, hesitating a little, "she's very genteel-speken—
a real lady you'd think, if it wasn't that
she is dressed so shabbily and scant."

"It isn't the dressmaker?"

"No, Miss Nina, certainly not."

"Nor anybody come after the lady's
maid's situation?"

"No, Miss, I should say not—she
deem't look like a lady's maid."

"Well—show her up!"

And Nina's pretty head settled back
among the cushions of her chair with returning indolence. But the instant her
eye fell on the sweet, though very pale
face of the slender-looking girl who advanced timidly into the room, ushered
by the stately Hawkins, she sat upright
with genuine surprise depicted in her
countenance.

"Anna Wharten! is it possible that

Nina leaned forward in her chair and took the box, her eyes sparkling at the sight of the beautifully carved bracelet of Neapolitan coral, all streaked and veined with the softest rose-color, that lay in the simple casket. She had been endeavoring for the last year to obtain a set of rose-coral, and here at length it was, ready at her hand. But Nina Pelham was a woman of the world, and understood the contemptible art of making a "good bargain." So she wisely repressed her ecstacies, and asked, with cold indifference:

"How much do you expect to receive for them, Anna Wharton!"

"Papa gave eighty dollars for them in Italy, and they are as good as ever."

Nina shrugged her shoulders.

"Of course you can't expect to get a twentieth part of that price for them now?"

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wood lu the rustle of fits rich folds, and her heavy brocaded dress trailing full half a yard on the floor. She fluttered from table to stand, glancing at the various attractions, and dispensing a graticus word here and there, until at length she came to a standstill, fascinated by an elegant chapan, which had been produced from its band-box for her special delectation.

"Oh, what a beauty! Do tell me the sprice, Madame," she ejaculated with sparkling eyes.

"A trifle—a mere trifle," said the milliner, patting the strings with soft hands, around the laper fingers of which fashionable ladies were daily "wound" by the score, "Thirty-five dollars! I hardly dare to pay so much for a bounet, Madame," said Nina; "papa scolds about my extrawagance already, and makes such dreadful faces over the bills that are sent to him."

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The wlly Madame D'Heriot held up the article under discussion, and turned it one way and another, so that the sunshine fell full on the delicate white velvet, shadowed with creamy-point lace and foam-like plumes. It was enough to tempt any woman living, and Nina felt her economical resolutions ebbing away in spite of herself.

"The roses in front are just the shade of pink most becoming to Madamoiselle Pelham," urged the silver-voiced modiste; "and see those mossy buds under the grasses! Thirty-five dollars is nothing—absolutely nothing—for such a hat as that."

"I must have it," said Nina, decidedly.

chatted on, the vacity.

"Why, where are we going?" she exclaimed, as the spirited horses were suddenly turned into an unpretending and secluded street, instead of darting Park-

WARNING TO YOUNG MEN LET-TER FROM THE MURDERER PATTERSON.

The following letter from John W Patterson, who murdered J. G. Clark, near Leesville, Henry county, in Decem-ber last, and who was arrested in that city for the crime, we find in the Car-thage Respect.

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CLIMPSES OF THE CITY, THE JOSH BILLINGS' PAPERS. "THE GAMBLER'S WIFE."

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Spring ame this year much as usual, hall buteous virgin, 5,000 years old and upwards, hale and harty old gal, welcum the words came pleadingly from the lips of a child in years, but the way she addressed the tall, handsome looking man, as well as the closely covered cradle at her side, showed she was already a wife and mother.

"Oh, don't go to that horrid place to night. Osly reflect, Harry, you know you never win; or, should fortune favor you to-night, you will go again to-mort you to-night, you will go again to-mort in promised to meet Mr. Barton, and I cannot break my word: the moment I have seen him I will return. Yes, dear, I will be home quite early."

"Yes, Minnie, I will;" and ksssing her tenderly, he took his hat and departed.

Minnie sank into the chair by the baby's side, and, clasping her hands over her head, sighed, murmuring, "A gambler's wife—a gambler's wife."

And now let us inquire, who and what these young people are. Harry St, Clair belonged to one of the best families in South Carolina, and had fought valiant-fresh bone. Biles alwus pick out the

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